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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT <u>[REDACTED]</u>		
TOPIC <u>Troop Trains Observed at the Stendal Railroad Station</u>		25X1	
EVALUATION <u>[REDACTED]</u>	25X1	PLACE OBTAINED <u>[REDACTED]</u>	25X1
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- 25X1 1. Troop trains observed at the Stendal railroad station between 28 April and 16 May 1953 included:
- 25X1 28 April. At 5:35 a.m., a train of 11 boxcars occupied by troops, an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 15 to 20 trucks [REDACTED]
- 25X1 [REDACTED] and 10 flatcars with sidewacks carrying light AA guns, coming from the direction of Magdeburg or Berlin and proceeding toward Gardelegen.
- 25X1 3 May. At 5:35 a.m., a train of 12 to 15 boxcars occupied by troops, 5 closed boxcars, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 2 field kitchens, 15 to 20 trucks [REDACTED] 3 large trucks, 2 ambulances
- 25X1 and 8 to 10 small guns, coming from the direction of Magdeburg or Berlin and proceeding toward Gardelegen and/or Jaevenitz.
- 25X1 At 6: 25 a.m., a train of 10 boxcars occupied by troops; 3 closed boxcars; and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 8 to 10 trucks [REDACTED]
- 25X1 [REDACTED] 1 field kitchen, 10 to 12 pontoons, and 2 light AA guns, coming from the direction of Magdeburg or Berlin and proceeding toward Gardelegen or Wittenberge.
- 25X1 During the night, 5 trains carrying trucks [REDACTED] and proceeding toward Gardelegen [REDACTED]
- 25X1 4 May. Between 5:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., 4 troop trains, each of 40 to 50 railroad cars, including about 30 percent boxcars occupied by troops, and carrying an undetermined number of trucks and small guns, en route toward Gardelegen.
- 25X1 At 12:05 p.m., a train of 11 boxcars occupied by troops; 6 to 8 closed boxcars; and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 20 trucks [REDACTED]
- 25X1 [REDACTED] 2 field kitchens, 3 large trucks and 2 ambulances, proceeding toward Gardelegen.
- 25X1 At 3 p.m., a train of 2 boxcars occupied by troops; 2 closed boxcars; and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 6 to 8 pontoons, and 6 trucks [REDACTED] proceeding toward Wittenberge.

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25X1 At 3:45 p.m., a train of 13 boxcars occupied by troops; 4 closed boxcars; and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 11 x 100-mm AT guns towed by prime movers, about 6 trucks, and 2 field kitchens, proceeding toward Gardelegen, probably to Jaevenitz. At 4:05 p.m., a train of 11 boxcars occupied by troops; and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 14 light AA guns, 2 field kitchens and 15 to 20 trucks [redacted] proceeding toward Gardelegen.

25X1 [redacted] prior to 11 p.m., 18 troop trains had been unloaded.

25X1 5 May. At 11:40 a.m. a train of 10 boxcars occupied by troops; and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 20 trucks [redacted] 3 field kitchens, 1 tank truck, and 12 AA guns, which [redacted] were 37-mm guns, towed by trucks [redacted] coming from the direction of Magdeburg or Berlin and proceeding toward Gardelegen, presumably to Jaevenitz.

25X1 During the forenoon, 4 trains carrying AT and AA guns, proceeding toward Gardelegen.

25X1 At 3:55 p.m., a train of 10 boxcars occupied by troops; 5 closed boxcars; and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 15 to 20 trucks [redacted] 3 field kitchens and 12 to 15 canvas-covered field howitzers, proceeding toward Gardelegen, probably to Jaevenitz.

25X1 11 May. At 5:35 a.m., a train of 30 cars carrying trucks and pontoons, and proceeding toward Magdeburg with the receiving station Mahlwinkel.

25X1 During the night, 2 trains, proceeding in the same direction [redacted]

25X1 [redacted]

14 May. At 5:30 a.m., a train of 11 boxcars occupied by troops; 3 closed boxcars; and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 2 field kitchens, about 12 to 15 AA guns, 8 to 10 trucks [redacted] 2 sedans and 2 trailers, coming from the direction of Wittenberge or Gardelegen.

15 May. At 9 a.m., a train, including 11 boxcars occupied by troops, and carrying 21 trucks, 2 buses, 2 sedans, 1 field kitchen, 2 large trucks, and 2 x 100-mm AT guns, coming from the direction of Gardelegen or Wittenberge and proceeding toward Magdeburg or Berlin.

25X1 At 10:50 a.m., a train, including 11 boxcars occupied by troops and 1 closed boxcar; and carrying 1 ambulance, 3 large trucks, 1 tank truck, 16 to 18 trucks, 1 sedan, 1 trailer, 8 to 10 x 100-mm AT guns and 2 caterpillar tractors, coming from, and proceeding to, the same directions as mentioned above. [redacted]

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25X1 At 1 p.m., a train, including 11 boxcars occupied by troops and 5 closed boxcars; and carrying 12 to 14 trucks, 2 field kitchens, 2 armored scout cars and 3 radio trucks, [redacted] coming from, and proceeding to, the same directions as mentioned above.

25X1 At 2:30 p.m., a train, including 11 boxcars occupied by troops, and several closed boxcars; and carrying 11 trucks, and 12 to 15 x 100-mm AT guns, coming from, and proceeding to, the same directions as mentioned above.

25X1 During the night, 3 trains were dispatched toward Mahlwinkel [redacted]

25X1 [redacted]

16 May. At 5:30 a.m., a train, including 8 to 10 boxcars occupied by troops and 5 closed boxcars; and carrying about 10 trucks, 4 armored scout cars, 1 field kitchen, and 2 light AA guns, coming from the direction of Gardelegen or Wittenberge and proceeding toward Magdeburg or Berlin.

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At 6:40 a.m., a train including 34 boxcars occupied by troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, and carrying 8 trucks, 2 sedans, 1 field kitchen and 2 light AA guns, coming from, and proceeding to, the same directions as mentioned above. [REDACTED]

At 7:15 a.m., a train, including 11 boxcars occupied by troops, and carrying 10 to 12 trucks [REDACTED] several light AA guns, and 2 field kitchens, leaving toward Berlin or Magdeburg.

Comment. From the about 40 troop trains [REDACTED] only the train on 5 May, coming from the direction of Magdeburg or Berlin and presumably proceeding to Jaevenitz, can be definitely identified. [REDACTED] this train carried units of the 3d Gds AAA Div, which may have participated in the exercises of the IV Arty Corps, which took place in the northern part of Letzling Heath between 8 and 13 May. The shipments mentioned in this report probably include trains which, in conjunction with the exercises mentioned, carried artillery units of the Arty Corps to and from Rathenow and Altengrabow. Most of the AAA shipments possibly went to, or came from, Wustrow. The train passing Stendal on 11 May and bound for Mahlwinkel, may have carried engineer units of the Third Shock Army, which went to the Bittkau training site. The partly inaccurate information on the directions the trains came from, or went to, may be explained by the rather complicated trackage of the Stendal railroad junction. In the whole, however, the number of about 40 troop trains within 14 days cannot be accounted for, as, except for the exercises of the IV Arty Corps in the northern part of Letzling Heath, no information on major exercises is available.

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